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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 322X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment – in Grimes, Polk County, Iowa

Dear Ms. Brown:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) hereby requests that the Board grant NSR an extension of the deadline date to consummate abandonment of the 1.70-mile rail line that was the subject of the captioned proceeding. The line extends between milepost DU 353.00 and milepost DU 354.70, in Grimes, Polk County, Iowa.

In its decision served October 19, 2010, the Board ordered that NSR's notice of consummation must be filed on or before October 19, 2011.

Since the consummation date is near, NSR wishes to advise the Board that salvage of the track and materials on the rail line are not complete and negotiations for the trail use agreement are still pending. As a result NSR hereby requests that the Board grant a one-year extension of the date to consummate the abandonment.

Yours truly,

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